

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 13-19 remain pending in the application after entry of the foregoing amendment. Claims 20-31 have been canceled.

In the office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 20, 2005, all pending claims 1-6 and 13-31 were subject to non-final rejection. Applicant disagrees with the grounds of rejection (as set forth in Applicant's prior response) and, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.191, is appealing the not canceled claims. A Notice of Appeal with regard to rejected claims 1-6 and 13-19 is being filed concurrently with this amendment. An Appeal brief will be filed shortly. Applicant respectfully requests timely entry of this amendment canceling claims 20-31 from this application in order to reduce the issues on appeal.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, entry of this amendment canceling claims 20-31 is earnestly solicited.

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